Statement Regarding Government Business

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 1st of August, 2005 will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's order paper.
2. Discussion on the Statutory Resolution seeking approval of the President's rule in the State of Bihar beyond 6th of September, 2005.
3. General discussion on Bihar Budget, 2005-06.
4. Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bill relating to Demands for Grants on Account (Bihar) for 2005-06, after it has been passed by Lok Sabha.
5. Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bills relating to following Demands, after they have been passed by Lok Sabha:—
   a. Supplementary Demands for Grants (General) for 2005-06.
   b. Demands for Excess Grants (General) for 2002-03.

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MATTERS RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Kyoto Protocol

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Jairam Ramesh.

SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Sir, I thank you for the opportunity given to me to raise an issue of great political and economic importance that took place yesterday. My colleague, former Minister for External Affairs, Shri Yashwant Sinha, raised this issue yesterday. Yesterday, he raised that issue on the basis of a speculative newspaper report, and today I stand to raise this issue on the basis of a confirmed development that took place yesterday in Vientiane, the capital of Laos.

Sir, yesterday, six nations, namely, the United States, Japan, Australia, South Korea, China, and India signed, what is called, the Asia-